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## DECLARATION

We, Tsai-Ching Chen and Chiu-Man Chang-Kao, declare as follows:

1. That, we are the individuals identified as the joint inventors of United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0232631 A1, referred to herein as the "Published United States Patent Application" cited by the Examiner in the above-identified application, U. S. Serial No. 10/714,329, herein "Hernandez Application".
2. That, we are associated with Good Year Hardware Co., Ltd. that manufactures products on behalf of the assignee of the Hernandez Application, namely, Alltrade Tools LLC, and that through this association we became aware of the invention disclosed in the "Hernandez Application".
3. That, the invention disclosed in the Hernandez Application was made known to us prior to the filing date of the Published United States Patent Application, namely, prior to May 23, 2003, and that it was our intention in filing the Published United States Patent Application to protect only specific design features. That, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the features being claimed by the inventor, Hector Ray Hernandez, Jr., in the Hernandez Application were made prior to the filing date of May 23, 2003, of the Published United States Patent Application.
4. That, all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent to which this statement is directed.

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